*8. [*Transferred to the 8th December* 1993]

Drug Companies adopting improper methods in Production

9. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies are getting their branded products produced through small scale units to escape from price control;

(b) if so, what are the details of the instances that have come to the notice of Government;

(c) what action has been taken in each of the cases against the concerned companies; and

(d) what steps have been taken to withdraw blanket exemption to the small scale sector from price control

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Usage of a brand name by any company is governed by the provisions of the Trade and Merchantise Act, 1958 and not by the DPCO, 1987.

(d) Policy parameters as in drug policy, 1986 which inter-alia includes exemption to the Small Scale Sector from price control form a part of the review of the Drug Policy, 1986 in regard to which a Background Note was laid in the Table of the House on 12-8-1992 and discussed on the 18th, 19th and 23rd August, 1993.

Hearings Granted to Drug Companies in the Matter of DPEA

10. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the hearing granted to the drug companies in the matter of DPEA after the present Government took over;

(b) what is the final outcome and the decision taken in each case where hearings was given;

(c) whether it is a fact that instead of finalising liabilities coersion was brought about to extract benefits by the bureaucrats from the companies;

(d) whether complaints of obtaining agencies and distributorships from the drug companies by certain bureaucrats in the name of their relatives have been received by Government; and

(e) whether Government would investigate into the whole matter and take action against Officer with tained action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Personal hearings have been granted in respect of 24 companies either as per the directions of various Courts or at the requests from the companies concerned. After hearings, final orders have been issued in 6 cases.

(c) No Sir.

(d) No such instance of complaint has come to the notice of the Govt.

(e) Does not arise.

Bulk Drugs Subjected to Reduction of Custom Duty

11. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs, formulations and intermediates on which custom duty was reduced during the year 1993-94;

(b) what was the earlier duty and revised duty on each of the bulk drugs and intermediates;